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Sumalatha to contest from Mandya as Independent

Kannada actors Yash, Darshan to campaign

Bengaluru, Mar. 18 (KMS& BCT)- Ending weeks of suspense over her candidature from the Mandya Lok Sabha constituency, Sumalatha Ambarish said that she would contest as an independent candidate. "I am entering politics not to further my political ambitions but to continue the good work initiated by my late husband Ambarish who is loved by the people of Mandya," she said.

Addressing a press conference at a private hotel in Bengaluru this morning, the veteran actor and wife of actor-turned politician late M.H. Ambarish, said that she will file her nomination papers on Mar. 20 at 10 am.

As if to indicate that the Kannada Film Industry (Sandalwood) is firmly rallying behind her, Sumalatha was accompanied by actors Darshan, Yash, Doddanna, producer Rockline Venkatesh and Sumalatha's son Abhishek. With Sumalatha's announcement today, it is clear that there will be a straight fight between her and Nikhil Kumaraswamy, son of Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy who is contesting as a JD(S) candidate.

Actress Sumalatha Ambarish seen addressing a press conference at a private hotel in Bengaluru this morning as her son Abhishek and actors Yash and Darshan look on.

"I have chosen this path that is full of thorns and I know that it is not easy as I have already faced a lot of insults. I am indebted to the people of Mandya for standing by me like a rock along with actors Yash, Darshan, Doddanna and Rockline Venkatesh," she said, in an emotional tone.

"I am not a politician. Yash and Darshan are like my sons and they will campaign for me. People of Mandya loved Ambarish and he (Ambarish) too loved them. I don't want to lose the connection and I want to continue Ambarish's legacy and even people of Mandya have given me the responsibility of continuing Ambarish's work," she said.

The entry of Sumalatha has upset the alliance calculations in a seat where the Congress and the JD(S) both enjoy equal influence and had been considered a cakewalk for Nikhil Kumaraswamy. The Congress has already asked party workers to steer clear of Sumalatha's campaign and work for the coalition candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy.

The BJP is yet to take a call on whether the party will field a candidate in Mandya or back Sumalatha. Sources said that considering that Sumalatha is garnering support from workers of both Congress and JD(S) and as such, she is confident of victory.

Even before she announced that she will contest as an independent candidate, Sumalatha has been touring the Constituency and has covered 35 Wards in Mandya City Municipal Council. Mandya city almost accounts for 50% of votes in the constituency.

She has been holding road shows to take on the Gowda family and has also been meeting BJP leaders and disgruntled Congress leaders.

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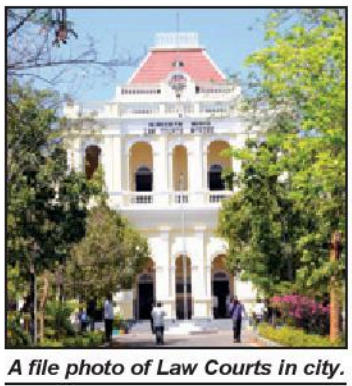
Six get life term in 8-year-old murder case

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (RK&BCT)- The Fifth Additional District and Sessions Court this morning sentenced six persons to life imprisonment for the sensational murder of rowdy-sheeter Kariyappa. The murder took place in 2010 near Thonachikoppal (T.K. Layout) Bisilu Maramma Temple. The Court also imposed a fine of Rs. 25,000 each on the accused.



A file photo of Law Courts in city.

Kariyappa of Paduvarahalli was murdered by assailants on 3.10.2010 and they came in a car to a house where Kariyappa was staying. Old gang rivalry was said to be the reason for the murder.

Hearing the case, Judge G.G. Kuruvathi, on Mar. 14, convicted Ashok, Hemanth, Manjesh, Praveen, Ramesh and Sooraj. The quantum of punishment was pronounced today.

The Court acquitted Chandru, Swamy and Sunil as they were not involved in the murder. In all, 11 accused had been arrested and of them, Devu and Vijay died. The trial went on for more than eight months based on the charge-sheet submitted by the then Saraswathipuram Police Inspector Siddaraju. Arguments in the case concluded on Jan. 30.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

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Wailing in wilderness

Achievers in different fields pursing relentlessly their professions and public speakers addressing their captive audiences from various platforms don't seem to be giving up their penchant to lament the steep decline of standards in all walks of life, the most favoured area of human activity being *education*, particularly in the domain of Universities across the country. Their *wailing in wilderness* as it were prompts one to cite the Biblical line "I will weep for the mountains and wail for the wilderness pastures. For, they are desolate and empty of life; the lowing of cattle is heard no more; the birds and wild animals have all fled..." The print media deserves to be complimented for their closely following the events featuring the lament, tending to be louder and longer. The latest such event happened in Mysuru this week marked by the often-heard views of two eminent speakers holding the government squarely accountable for the decline. Action to arrest the decline still lies in the region of *wilderness*, except for the prescription of raising the budgetary allocation for education.

The field of medicare seems to have reduced the chances of incorrectly diagnosing the diseases, thanks to the instruments used in exploring the functioning of various organs of the body, one wishes such a facility was on hand to zero-in on what has gone wrong in education and where, instead of conjecture.

While one should feel gratified about the enlightenment that has dawned upon the literati, namely the decline in the sector of education on various counts, the questions of when the decline began and when it witnessed public glare in the country should be fascinating for finding the answers. If the galaxy of luminaries in various fields of science, technology, arts, literature and administration, all belonging to the past, not ignoring the few of their counterparts in our times, it may be worthwhile to dwell on what were the points to be noted in the education they received and the profile of the teaching fraternity of their times.

Wailing about the various incongruities of the education sector without highlighting the incompetence of the current administration to restore order seems to be a journey through a bottomless hole. Those in charge of the portfolio, in the august company of the few indulging in *aranya rodhana* (crying in wilderness) have betrayed the future generations.

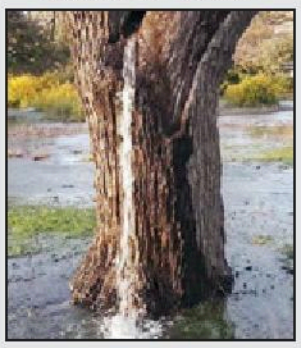
EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

There's a famous saying — the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. This is so apt today, as women are excelling across sectors and increasingly making their mark in a male-dominated world. The 21st century millennial woman is progressive and increasingly financially independent. This has led to a distinct shift in her investment preferences — where gold and fixed deposits were the primary choices for Indian women, real estate now rides high in her investment portfolio. This is hardly surprising — a woman's relationship with her home is unique; and while any other 'relationship status' may change in today's rapidly-evolving socio-economic scenario, owning a home in her name gives her the ultimate security in a changing world.

— Anuj Puri in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Montenegro's Water Tree



Dinoša: An old mulberry tree at a small village of Dinoša, in Montenegro turns into a water fountain every time it rains heavily. Local resident Emir Hakramaj said, "This has been happening for the last 20 to 25 years, perhaps even longer. This tree is 100 years old, may-be even 150. A cavity was created in the middle and an underground spring has broken through to the crown and now this beautiful image is created."

The people of Dinoša simply see it as a rare and facinating natural phenomenon. "We are not people inclined to invent something, this is purely a natural thing," Hakramaj said.

Artist turns fry cook job into pancake art career

St. Louis: An artist, who joined as a cook has turned his job as a pancake artist. Dan Drake, aka 'Dancakes', is known as one of the world's most talented pancake artists, but few people know that he never planned nor trained for this career. He was just a cook at a diner to make ends meet, but his artistic talent catapulted him to international fame.

Drake got a job as a fry cook at the Courtesy Diner, in his home city of St. Louis. Because he needed to earn his chops, he was placed on the slow shifts, which resulted in few tips but a lot of time on his hands. It was on one of these shifts that he got his feet wet in the world of pancake art.

The young fry cook spent the next few months practicing pancake art, and eventually developed. His career quickly blew up after that, and he left Courtesy Diner and started his own pancake art company, Dancakes, and hired several other talented pancake artists to keep up with demand.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Is there a natural substitute for statin drugs?

Recent research has shown that olive leaf extract has more to offer than just stifling sniffles. New studies have revealed that olive leaf extract offers cardiovascular benefits as well. It has been shown to lower cholesterol as effectively as lipitor, without the risks and side effects.

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'URJA 2k19' National-level Technical Fest on Mar.21 and 22

Mysuru, Mar.18- The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, ATME College of Engineering, Mysuru, will be conducting 'URJA 2k19,' an annual National-level Technical Festival with multiple events in association with the Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering (IETE), India, on Mar.21 and 22.

The motive of this event is to develop various skills in students in co-curricular activities and to expose them to the current trends in the Technical and Professional fields.

URJA 2k19, consists of several innovative events such as Prezento - National-Level Technical Paper and Poster Presentation contest; AeroDRONE - Drone design contest, where the drones will have to be designed to be driven through a track provided by us to complete in shortest time; Robo-Vertigo - All Terrain Vehicle to be driven in an ATV styled track and must complete the track in shortest time to win; ProjectXpo - Project exhibition for all electronics based streams; Arduino-IOT-Spire - 24 hours Hackathon involving five on-spot problems that need to be solved using only Arduino; Tech-Jumanji - Technical treasure hunt; SimZone - Simulation contest involving a problem statement that will have to be simulated in stipulated amount of time in provided software; Tech-Rig - Circuit debugging contest using analog and digital hardware components only; Fast-track - Non-technical contest with time constraints; ExhiTrash - Non-technical event to create an innovative model from the scratch; QUIZitive - Technical quiz with four levels; PixStream - Non-Technical Video making contest based on given theme with video preparation duration six hours for making a video not exceeding a run time of twelve minutes; ACE - If a single college wins more than eight contests and participated in all the events then they will be rewarded the ACE.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Technical glitches
in pension disbursement

Sir,

Computerisation is a boon to the masses but a bane to lethargic. Our banks have computerised for the sake of computers and not for the users or the benefits of consumers. Moreover, mobile technology advancement has rendered human beings less meticulous.

Earlier in the age of paper and post, the communication on any government circulars were physical in nature and was generated manually and read manually with mandatory press releases. Now with SMS and WhatsApp, official involvement is negligible leaving communication wing to a programmed computer to do the work.

Recently my father received a communication from bank that excess pension has been credited to his account and he has to withdraw only the amount he used to withdraw earlier.

After complying for a couple of months, he found that the pension in his account kept coming in excess.

Next came another communication from the bank that the excess amount that has been withdrawn has to be paid back.

Fortunately, he received an SMS from pension office with a break up of pension disbursed in which there was a heading called 'age-related pension'. This was the bone of contention with the bank.

Upon showing the SMS to the Manager and Senior Manager of the Bank, the Managers informed that they had no clue on such information from the Treasury and that the information will be with the particular executive. Since the executive is on long leave, confirming this directive can be done only if that particular person reports back to duty.

The circular is sent from computer to computer with no human being aware of it. This situation is appalling as neither the person managing a bank branch disbursing pensions is unaware of Treasury directives nor the person issuing the communiqué to pay back the amount . This ignorance is taxing the elderly to and fro the branch and pension office to clarify to the disbursing bank about the Treasuries circular.

I do not know how many elderly persons would have paid back such amounts legally due to them back to the bank.

My father's situation is not one-off as there are hundreds of pensioners, 90 years of age who must have had the same predicament.

—Charles Davison

Mysuru 13.3.2019

Paper presentation

Mysuru, Mar.18- A Fulbrighter, Dr. R. Purnima, Director, Children's Literary Club, Mysuru, is presenting a Paper 'Nurturing Science Theatre in English: Experiments by Children's Literary Club,' at Research in Teaching, Training, and Learning (NSRTTL-2019), UGC-sponsored 2-day National Seminar, organised by the Department of Education and HRD, Dravidian University, Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh, on Mar.21 and 22.

Excels in Instrumental Music

Mysuru, Mar.18- Nandan Kashyap, a student of St. Joseph's First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, bagged third prize for his musical performance in Karnatak Instrumental Music (percussion) at the Inter-University Classical Instrumental Competition organised by Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, JLB Road, on account of *Padma Vibhushan* Dr. Gangubai Hangal's 106th birth anniversary recently. Participants from around 35 Universities across the State competed.

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ಶ್ರೀಯುತ ಸಿ.ಎಂ. ನಾಗರಾಜ್ ರವರು ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಮಕ್ಕಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಅಪಾರವಾದ ಪ್ರತಿಭೆ ಇದೆ ಎಂಬುವುದನ್ನು ಅರಿತವರಾಗಿದ್ದರು. ಹಾಗಾಗಿ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶನದ ಮೂಲಕ ಉಚಿತ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿದ್ಯಾಭ್ಯಾಸವನ್ನು ನೀಡಿದರೆ ಮುಂದಿನ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರು ಉನ್ನತ ಮಟ್ಟಕ್ಕೆ ಏರಿ ಸಮಾಜಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತಮ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂಬುವುದು ಅವರ ದೃಢನಂಬಿಕೆಯಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಆ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಕೋನದಿಂದ ಒಂದು ಉಚಿತ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯಬೇಕು ಎಂಬುವುದು ಅವರ ಕನಸಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಇದನ್ನು ಸಾಕಾರಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಈ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ವರ್ಗದವರು ಹಾಗೂ ಹಿತೈಷಿಗಳು ಸಂಕಲ್ಪ ಮಾಡಿ ಈ ಒಂದು ಉತ್ತಮವಾದ ನಿರ್ಧಾರ ಕೈಗೊಂಡು ಈ ಪುಣ್ಯದ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಉದ್ದೇಶ ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

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Obesity, thyroid screening camp

Government Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital has organised a free obesity and thyroid screening camp from Mar.15 to 31 at Out Patient Block No. 22 in the hospital premises in city. Experts will also provide tips on healthy lifestyle, food consumption, yoga and meditation techniques, ayurveda medicine and panchakarma treatment. Interest may contact Dr. Venkatakrishna and Professor Dr. S.A. Asha on Mob: 94485-72614 or 94833-15576.

'Ranga Sambhrama'

Nadaranga has organised 'Ranga Sambhrama-2019,' a 5-day Theatre Festival at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises from Mar.18 to 22. Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Channappa will inaugurate the Fest at 7 pm today. Senior Theatre Director Prof. H.S. Umesh will preside. Kadamba Ranga Vedike President Rajashekar will be the chief guest. Following the inauguration, Rangaratnakara-Bengaluru's H.S. Govindegowda and troupe will present scenes from mythological plays.

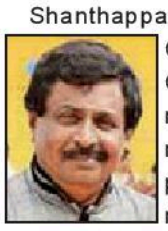
Obituary

Konganda Sannu Poovaiah

Mysuru, Mar.18- Konganda Sannu Poovaiah (81), son of late K.S. Ponnappa and a resident of Gokulam 2nd Stage, passed away at a hospital here last night following brief illness.

A bachelor, he leaves behind his sister Biddanda Rani, brother Dorai Mandanna, brother-in-law, sister-in-law and a host of relatives and friends. Cremation today at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam at 3.30 pm, according to family sources.

Shanthappa



Shanthappa (64), a retired Commercial Tax Officer and a resident of Sharadadevinagar, passed away this morning at his residence following brief illness.

A native of Dornahalli, he leaves behind his mother, wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. He is the brother of Rev. Fr. M. Xavier, Parish Priest at Kollegal.

Funeral was held at Dornahalli this afternoon, according to family sources.

Manohar Parrikar no more

To be given State funeral today

Panaji, Mar.18 (UNI)- Manohar Parrikar, four-time Goa Chief Minister and former Defence Minister, passed away last evening after a prolonged battle with pancreatic cancer.

The health of Parrikar, a technocrat-turned-politician and BJP stalwart, took a turn for the worse in the past two days after his medical condition fluctuated for over a year. The four-term Chief Minister was flown to the US for treatment in March last year.

"The Chief Minister died around 6.40 pm on Sunday," said a senior State Government official. Sources said Parrikar was put on life support system late Saturday night. A widower, Parrikar is survived by his two sons and their families.

Manohar Parrikar

The Centre announced a national mourning on Monday, declaring that the National Flag will fly at half-mast across the country. The senior BJP leader will also be accorded a State funeral. Goa had also announced seven-day mourning after the Chief Minister's death. All schools and educational institutions in the State are shut today and all examinations have been postponed.

Parrikar's body was kept at the Panjim BJP head office from 9.30 am to 10.30 am after which his body will be taken to Kala Academy in Panaji for public to pay their final respects.

His body will be kept for public viewing until 4 pm after which the funeral procession to Miramar area in the capital will be held. Home Minister Rajnath Singh will be in Goa for the funeral.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the death of Parrikar, hailing him as an "unparalleled leader".

"Shri Manohar Parrikar was an unparalleled leader. A true patriot and exceptional administrator, he was admired by all. His impeccable service to the nation will be remembered by generations. Deeply saddened by his demise and condolences to his family and supporters. Om Shanti," Modi said in one of several tweets.

Born on Dec.13, 1955 into a middle-class family, his political career began as an RSS Pracharak and he continued working for the Sangh even after graduating from IIT-Bombay as a metallurgical engineer.

Parrikar entered electoral politics in 1994 when he won on a BJP ticket from Panaji constituency. He was the Defence Minister from November 2014 to March 2017.

Murdered and Buried

Killed for asking to repay loan

Raghavendra

Mysuru, Mar.18 (MTY&KS)- A youth, who was murdered and buried at Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds at Bannimantap here was killed for asking his friend to repay the loan amount he had given.

The victim is Raghavendra (24), son of Ramu, a resident of Kumbarakoppal and a car driver by profession. Raghavendra also used to give loans for interest.

Raghavendra had given Rs.5 lakh to his friend and was pressurising him to repay the loan which led to the murder, according to Police.

On Mar.13, Raghavendra's friend along with three others came to his (Raghavendra) house and took him to a bar, where they got him drunk. They then took him to the outskirts of city, where they allegedly assaulted him with lethal weapons resulting in Raghavendra's death.

Thinking that they would get caught if they dispose the body somewhere, they brought the body to Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds, paid money to the watchman, got an excavator on rent to dig a pit and buried the body of Raghavendra, the Police have suspected. As Raghavendra did not come back to his house, his father had lodged a missing complaint with Vijayanagar Police and had also mentioned the names of Raghavendra's friends with whom he had gone.

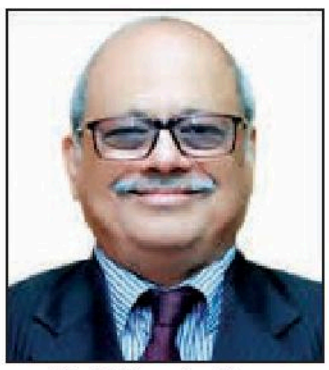
The Police, who began their investigation, took one of Raghavendra's friends into custody and interrogated him, during which he spilled the beans, following which the Cops took the other three accused into custody.

After obtaining permission, the body was exhumed yesterday and the parents of Raghavendra identified the body as that of their son. Post-mortem was conducted in the presence of Tahsildar and the body was later handed over to the family members, who performed the last rites.

Justice P.C. Ghose set to be India's first Lokpal

New Delhi, Mar.18 (UNI)- Retired Supreme Court Judge Pinaki Chandra Ghose is set to be the country's first Lokpal, or the anti-corruption ombudsman. The other members of the Lokpal would include four former High Court Judges, including a woman Judge, and four former civil servants. The selection was made weeks after the February-end deadline set by the Supreme Court.

Justice Ghose's name was finalised and recommended by the Selection Committee led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi a couple of days ago. Passed in 2013, the Lokpal Act involves the setting up of a Lokpal at the Centre and Lokayuktas in States to look into cases of corruption against certain categories of public servants.



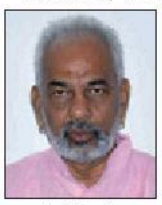
Pinaki Chandra Ghose

Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose was born in a lawyer's family on May 28, 1952. His father, Late Justice Shambhu Chandra Ghose, was a former Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court. After graduating in Commerce from St. Xavier's College in Kolkata, Justice Ghose obtained a degree in law and attorney-at-law from Calcutta University and then enrolled himself as an advocate with the Bar Council of West Bengal in 1976.

His areas of specialisation were civil, company affairs, arbitration and constitution, among others. He became a Judge of the Calcutta High Court in July 1997. He was transferred to Andhra Pradesh High Court in June 2012 and in December of the same year he was elevated as Chief Justice of that court.

In March 2013, he was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of India. He retired in May 2017. Currently he is a member of National Human Rights Commission.

Former Minister A. Manju joins BJP



A. Manju

Hassan, Mar.18- As anticipated for sometime, former Congress Minister A. Manju joined the BJP here on Sunday.

He was welcomed by Hassan BJP MLA Preetham Gowda and other leaders of the party. However, BJP District President H. Yogaramesh was conspicuous by his absence.

He is expected to be party candidate from Hassan Lok Sabha seat, where Prajwal Revanna, son of PWD Minister H.D. Revanna and grandson of JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda, is contesting on a JD(S) ticket.

It was a home coming for Manju, as he had won Arkalagud Assembly segment on a BJP ticket in 1999. He later joined the Congress and served as a Minister in the Siddharamaiah-led Congress Government. He lost the May 2018 Assembly polls to A.T. Ramaswamy of the JD(S). After the JD(S) and Congress, the coalition partners in the State Government, decided to fight the LS polls together, Manju had often hinted at quitting the Congress.

He held a series of meetings with his supporters in the district and decided to join the BJP, which he was once associated with.

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Nigerian 'Golden Girl' wants to help her country

'Golden Girl' Emelife Stella Chinelo (extreme left) displaying her medals. Picture right shows Visually challenged P.V. Nagaraj receiving the Doctor of Philosophy in Kannada certificate from University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar and Chairman of All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi, Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe looks on.

Mysuru, Mar.18 (RKB&SR)- Emelife Stella Chinelo from Nigeria, who studied in the Department of Chemistry and bagged 20 gold medals and five cash prizes, received a huge round of applause from the audience for her achievement at the 99th Convocation of University of Mysore (UoM) held at Crawford Hall in city yesterday. The guests and participants appreciated Emelife for her achievement in the Indian soil.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* on her success, she praised the Indian system of education, good study environment, help from faculty and local students in Mysuru for her to excel in studies.

She said that she had been reading every day, covering portions regularly and enjoying her studies and subjects. She expressed her wish to pursue research in Cancer to find treatment for its cure as many people in her country were affected by this dreaded disease.

She said that she also had plans to turn mounds of industrial waste into useful materials by pursuing research in this field which could also find a solution to her country Nigeria which is reeling under poverty and epidemics.

"My goal in life is to find a solution to all ills through chemistry. I am planning to pursue Ph.D at UoM. The quality of education and discipline at the Varsity is extraordinary. My father Christopher, mother Caroline and husband John Amagbovov supported and motivated me to pursue my education in India," said a beaming Emelife Stella Chinelo.

Meera: For 46-year-old Meera Manohar Rao Anasane, who bagged 10 gold medals and one cash prize in MA Sanskrit, age was not a barrier for her success. She is an advocate by profession. Meera's husband Satish Baitule, is an employee of Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran, Mysuru, and the couple has a 18-year old son, Samish Baitule.

Meera said, she studied Sanskrit during her school days at her native in Nagpur and at Mumbai. Initially, she found the language difficult. But, after the family shifted to Mysuru, eight years back, she developed an interest in the language. Meera's family members were all proud of her passion and interest in the language.

P. Sanjana: P. Sanjana Darla, who bagged 10 gold medals and three cash prizes in MA Economics said that she was not expecting the top rank.

She said that she did not expect a rank when she joined the course as she was scared of the subject and had no hopes of excelling in it. "But, I emerged as a second topper in the first semester which gave me confidence. I thank my teachers and family for this success," she said.

Disability not a hurdle for success

For visually challenged P.V. Nagaraj, disability was not a hurdle to obtain Doctor of Philosophy in Kannada. "With sheer grit, hard work and determination, I completed my thesis in less than five years without taking any help from outside," he said. Nagaraj prepared the thesis using 'e-speak' software and Non-Visual Desktop Access (NVDA) technologies.

Akshay Unnikrishnan, who studied M.Sc Biotechnology and secured seven gold medals and Abhishek T. Bhat of M.Sc Botany who bagged six gold medals and seven cash prizes also praised their teachers, family and friends for their success.

Abhishek T. Bhat and Akshay Unnikrishnan with their medals and certificate.

'Learn, Earn & Return' to country tells Prof. BVR. Chowdari: Vice-President of Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Prof B.V.R. Chowdari, called upon the students who have been pursuing their studies in various foreign countries across the world to learn, earn and return to their motherland.

Delivering the keynote address at the 99th annual convocation of University of Mysore here yesterday, he said that there is nothing wrong in studying abroad. It helps the students of the nation to expose to foreign culture, tradition, customs and education. But students studying overseas must return and contribute their mite for the progress of their hometown, he added.

Claiming that Nanyang Technological University of Singapore was the top university in Asia, he said that this University is also ranked 12 among the top 100 universities across the World.

"It is disheartening that not even one Indian universities could able to find a place in the top ranking universities of the world. However, I am proud to say that Indian students could be seen studying in all top ranking universities. There is no dearth of talents in the country, but the system should be changed to bring in sweeping changes in India," he said.

A large number of parents had gathered to witness their children receiving the graduation certificates, medals, awards and cash prizes. Hundreds of students were seen taking selfies with their parents, family, friends, teachers and well wishers in the premises of Crawford Hall on the occasion.

University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Registrar Prof. Lingaraj Gandhi and Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.M. Mahadevan and others were present.

Star of Mysore **award**

G. Shwetha (MA in Mass Communication and Journalism) receiving four gold medals, Star of Mysore *Endowment award and one cash prize by Vice-Chancellor Prof G. Hemantha Kumar, as Chairman of All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi, Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe and Registrar Prof. Lingaraj Gandhi (partially seen) look on.*

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Panchamaharathotsava at Nanjangud tomorrow

Lakhs to attend the jathra; preparations in full swing

Nanjangud, Mar.18 (Ravi, Lokesh &NNN)- The preparations are in full swing for the Srikanteshwaraswamy's Gauthama Panchamaharathotsava tomorrow (Mar.19) at this town popularly called the 'Daskhina Kashi.'

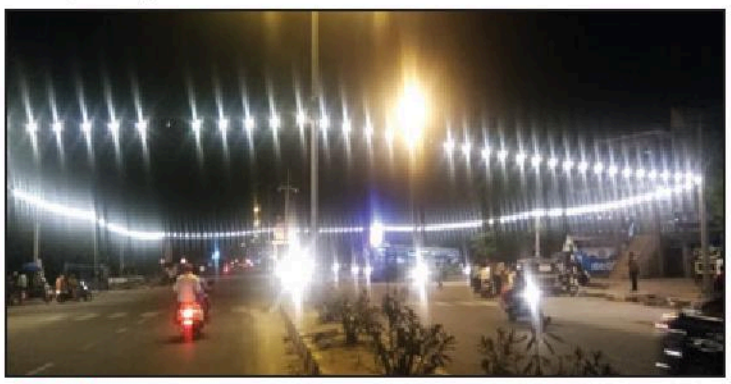
In the light of the Jathra Mahotsava, all religious programmes had begun from Mar.12 itself. **The Gauthama Ratharohana will begin tomorrow at Shuba Meena Lagna that occurs between 6.40 am and 7 am.**

In the Rathotsava, the idols of Srikanteshwaraswamy, Ganapati, Sri Parvathi Amma, Subramanya and Chandikeshwara will be carried and drawn by the devotees in the Rathabeedi.

As lakhs of people are expected from different parts of the State, the District Administration, led by the DC Abhiram G. Sankar, called for a meeting of the people's representatives and officials twice and fixed the responsibilities for the Departments concerned to carry out a smooth Rathotsava.

Flower decoration, illumination: The whole premises inside and outside the Temple is decorated with flowers and also illuminated. Likewise, the main streets of the town have been cleaned and lit up.

Chariots repaired: This time the back wheels of both the chariots (Rathas) of Srikanteshwaraswamy and Sri Parvathi Amma have been replaced with new wheels. Apart from this, the Peetha (seat) on Srikanteshwaraswamy Ratha has been renovated by the sculptors from Mudukuthore giving it a new look.



"We are anticipating a gathering of more than a lakh for the Srikanteshwaraswamy Jathra. Hence in the light of the security, additional Police forces from different parts of the districts have been drawn. More Police force will be deployed in the Temple premises, and the banks of River Kapila. While the chariots are being drawn, a security cordon will be thrown around the wheels to see that the devotees do not get near the wheels and get crushed. Since there will be large number of people attending, lot of precautions will be taken to see that the Jathra is incident-free. —Vaidyanath, Dy.SP

Tight security: Since lakhs of devotees are expected to attend the festival, the Police led by Dy.SP Vaidyanath including Inspector Shekar, SI Shivanna and Rural SI Puneeth have made tight security arrangements. CCTV cameras have been installed at the banks of River Kapila and in the Temple premises.

Permission must for prasadam distribution: In the wake of the Hanur taluk's Sulawadi Maramma Temple poison incident, this time the District Administration has directed all voluntary organisations who want to distribute prasadams to the devotees to compulsorily take permission for which a Committee has been appointed. There were 150 applications from different organisations to distribute *panaka* and buttermilk. The permission has been granted with several rules that the distributors of prasadams have to follow.

Priority for basic amenities, security: Devotees will be arriving from different places a day before the jathra and hence drinking water facility has been made at five places including the Temple premises and the bathing ghat. A temporary health centre has been set up at the Temple premises and sheds built for the devotees to change clothes at the bathing place near River Kapila. As a precautionary measure, expert divers and boats have been stationed near the river. There are announcement points with loud speakers for those seeking information.

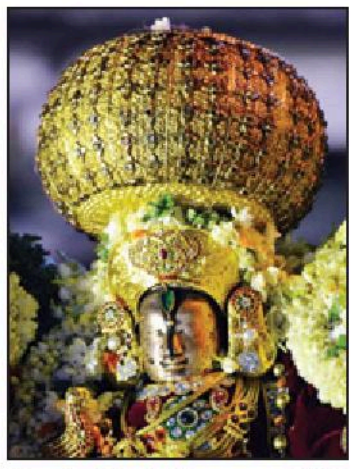
RP Road dazzling: The famous Rashtrapathi Road (RP Road), which links the major road to the Temple has been concretised at a cost of Rs.8 crore and thrown open to traffic which will add glitter to the smooth conduct of the festival. The whole road is now lit and is dazzling.

Transport arrangement: KSRTC has arranged extra buses for devotees coming from Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Mandya. Even the Railway Department has added extra bogies in Nanjangud-Chamarajanagar route for the convenience of passengers participating in the fest.

As the roads where the rathas pass, has been concretised in the past one year at a cost of Rs.9 crore, it will be easy for the devotees to draw the chariots, go round and return to the Temple smoothly.

The Temple's Executive Officer Kumaraswamy and Assistant Executive Officer Gangaiah are leading the preparations.

Vyramudi Utsava held in Melukote



Melukote, Mar.18 (NG&US)- The historical 'Vyramudi Utsava' was held on a grand scale last evening at Sri Cheluvanarayanaswamy Temple here attended by lakhs of devotees.

After getting released from Mandya District Treasury, Vyramudi and Rajamudi crowns were brought under tight Police security to the Parvathi Mantapa. They were taken in a colourful procession to Cheluvanarayanaswamy Temple by 6.30 pm.

The crowns were examined by Mandya DC N. Manjushree, SP D. Shivaprakash, Pandavapura Assistant Commissioner V.R. Shailaja and other officials before handing them over to the Chief Priest of the Temple. The 'Utsava Murthy' of the presiding deity was adorned with jewels and Vyramudi crown and made ready for the commencement of the grand procession at 9 pm.

The procession entered the Rajabeedhi and the waiting devotees went ecstatic at the glimpse of the idol of the deity with the glittering Vyramudi crown. Several devotees had come from Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala also. Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty, District Minister C.S. Puttaraju, MP L.R. Shivaramegowda and others were present. Huge LED screens were installed near Temple for devotees to witness the proceedings.

As part of the event, Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple, Cheluvanarayanaswamy Temple, Kalyani, Mantapas, the Hill near the temple and Government offices were beautifully illuminated.

KSRTC had provided additional buses to ferry people from Mandya, Mysuru, Hassan, Bengaluru and other places. The District Administration had provided good medical service and drinking water facility with utmost importance for cleanliness.

Police had provided adequate security. The procession was well cordoned with barricades to prevent people from going very close to the crowned idol.

Transfer of Vyramudi

The Vyramudi and Rajamudi crowns, along with other jewels, were released from Mandya District Treasury at 7.30 am under the supervision of Mandya DC N. Manjushree, SP D. Shivaprakash and ZP CEO K. Yalakkigowda. The crowns were kept for public viewing for a short period.

A special vehicle was brought from Parakala Mutt in Mysuru to transport the crowns which were formally handed over to Cheluvanarayanaswamy Temple authorities. The vehicle carrying the crowns was brought to Lakshmijanardhanaswamy Temple accompanied by musicians playing 'Mangala Vadya.'

Actor Sumalatha, Producer Rockline Venkatesh, former Minister M.S. Athmananda and others offered puja.

Women performed puja to the crowns at the nearby Srinivasaswamy Temple before the vehicle headed towards Melukote. All along the route, people were seen offering puja to the crowns.

A matter of faith

The vehicle carrying the crowns arrived at Mini Vidhana Soudha in Pandavapura, greeted by thousands of people. In a surprise gesture, Assistant Commissioner V.R. Shailaja and Tahsildar Pramod L. Patil carried the two crowns on their heads to Taluk Office premises and offered puja.

Paytm *maadu...*

Scan-and-pay mode of transaction facilitating digital payments even in local and street markets

By V. Shourabh

There has been overwhelming response from India's smaller cities and towns for online payments. Kirana store owners, vegetable and fruit vendors, roadside vendors, food stalls, pharmacies small-time pushcart soda vendors and many more merchants now accept Paytm.

Aligned with the vision of a New India and a Digital India, Mysuru is also going cashless in terms of transactions. Though the customer has the option to choose from a plethora of payment options like cash payment, credit card payments, net banking etc., the Paytm usage in the city is slowly gaining momentum.

The city seems to be favouring a cashless environment that speeds up customer-vendor interaction. With transactions happening within the blink of an eye, Paytm has been the need of the hour for fellow vendors and sellers to attract customers and to avoid hassles of cash management, depositing money and persistent issues like lack of change.

This scan-and-pay mode of transaction is facilitating digital payments even in the local markets. *Star of Mysore* happened to interact with a few street vendors who have gone digital.

Raju, hailing from Andhra Pradesh, sells lime soda on his cart near the DC's Office. He encourages people to use Paytm, a QR-based payment solution, for transactions. He says, "Many people, not just youngsters, even middle-aged people pay money through Paytm and buy lime soda. This mode of transaction makes customer happy and also makes it easy for me as I need not handle physical cash," he says.

"Customers find this mode of transaction very convenient and many come to buy soda after seeing the board. One of the agents from Paytm created this platform for me during the end of January and he created a Paytm account and linked it to my bank account. I find this transaction to be reliable and secure as it saves time both for me and the customer. As the money gets directly deposited in the bank, I feel this mode of transaction should be implemented by people as well as sellers. I also get cash back every month for the transactions I make that gets deposited into my account directly."

Another factor that is favouring Paytm is that if a merchant has cash in his hands, it may not reach his family. "I manage to earn Rs.300 to Rs.500 profit every day and earlier it was difficult to resist temptation from friends for a drink or two in the evenings. Now since the money goes directly to the bank, I am happy that the money remains with the family. My daily family expenses are managed by the cash that other customers give men as they don't use Paytm," says Shankar, who sells vegetables in Vijayanagar in a push cart.

A customer is scanning the Paytm code on Raju's Lime soda cart.

Mahadev and Rajappa are seen with their grapes cart, as a lady is seen paying them by scanning on the displayed Paytm code.

One of the customers, Likith, said, "Earlier, this mode of transaction used to be seen in showrooms or malls. But it's good to see that even the local vendors and roadside carts also having Paytm mode of transaction. Even we are not worried if we don't have cash in our wallets, as we can pay the amount directly by scanning the code through our phones. Technology is something that needs to be used more effectively even in local markets. With such technology and platforms, business will head in the right direction."

Mahadev and Rajappa from Kirugavalu also use Paytm mode of transaction for their business. They sell grapes and seasonal fruits near the Oval Grounds. Rajappa said, "Me and my uncle Mahadev have been doing business here for quite some time. We were aware of money going digital but had never used it earlier. Last week, we were introduced to Paytm and we are also slowly learning to understand the concept of digital transaction. We feel happy as the money is safely deposited in our bank within seconds. Many customers pay through this mode and we feel good about it."

Sugarcane juice seller Santosh Kumar is in the same business from the past six years. He has also added Paytm mode of transaction facility to his customers. He said, "Earlier when customers used to give Rs.2,000 or Rs.500 notes, we had to check with others or nearby shops if they had change. Now, the customer can exactly pay the change with just a scan. So, the hassle of giving the exact change, confusion on who paid or not or who paid what amount is instantly eliminated especially when you have multiple customers at the same moment."

"The transaction is authentic and we can check it on our phones easily. We get a message once the transaction is done and this mode of payment is safe and secure. There is a record maintained for every transaction. It makes our business and transaction process easy. Even many customers prefer this mode of payment."

Santosh Kumar, a sugarcane juice seller, shows a successful Paytm transaction on his phone.

MDJA fetes Media Academy Award recipients

Mysuru, Mar.18 (RKB&DM)- Three Karnataka Media Academy award winners from city — *Star of Mysore* Executive Editor Meera Appaiah, *Prajavani* Mysuru Resident Editor K.J. Mariyappa and Andolana Reporter Alfred Solomon — were felicitated by Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at a programme organised at its premises on Thyagaraja Road in city this morning.

Speaking after inaugurating the programme, International Sarod Maestro Pandit Rajeev Taranath said that journalists have the immense task of highlighting issues in a democratic society and come up with their own suggestions on addressing them.

Pointing out that it is the job of a journalist to throw light on the lacunae and short comings in our democratic set up, Rajeev Taranath said that he was happy to be a Mysurean.

Noting that Mysuru is very well-known for Music and Education, Rajeev Taranath said that as a musician himself, he was disappointed with the functioning of KSGH Music University in city.

Regretting that not even a single musician of International or National fame has come out of the Music University so far, Pt. Taranath maintained that it was only a name-sake University with shortage of staff and facility.

Media Academy Award recipients from Mysuru, who were felicitated by MDJA at Pathrakartara Bhavan on Tyagaraja Road in city this morning — *(from left - sitting) Andolana* ***Reporter Alfred Solomon,*** *Star of Mysore* ***Executive Editor Meera Appaiah and Prajavani Resident Editor K.J. Mariyappa — are seen with journalist Dakshina Murthy, MDJA Secretary (Rural) Manju Kote, MDJA General Secretary K.J. Lokesh Babu, Writer Prof. Maleyur Guruswamy, Sarod Maestro Pt. Rajeev Taranath, Karnataka Media Academy Member K. Shivakumar, Vice-president (City) M. Subramanya, MDJA President C.K. Mahendra and Treasurer Raghavendra.***

Wondering where all the Rs.4 crore grant provided to the University is going, the Sarod Maestro said that journalists must look at this issue and find out details about the spending of money.

Underlining the role of Journalists in a society filled with casteism, nepotism and such other social evils, the Sarod Maestro said that he was an avid reader of *Star Of Mysore* and its Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy was a close friend of him.

Lauding the *SOM* for promoting arts, culture and music, he said that *SOM* reserves a lot of space on musical events and issues related to arts, music and culture.

Writer Prof. Maleyur Guruswamy, who was the chief guest, said that by felicitating the three Media academy award winners, we were honouring ourselves.

Emphasising on the role of journalists in highlighting societal issues, he said that the media is rightly called as the 'Fourth Pillar of the Constitution,' as it plays a vital role in the betterment of society.

Karnataka Media Academy Member K. Shivakumar, in his address, said that running the Academy itself was a big challenge. Maintaining that the MDJA has earned a special name for itself in the State, he said that the two-day State-level Conference of Journalists held at Suttur on Mar.1 and 2 was a huge success, which reflects the capability of MDJA.

Stating that the Academy proposes to conduct a workshop exclusively for women journalists of the State shortly, he said that Mysuru may become the venue for the first such workshop if MDJA takes an initiative in this regard.

SOM Executive Editor Meera Appaiah, one of the three Media Academy awardees who were felicitated, attributed her achievement to K.B. Ganapathy, *SOM* Managing Editor Vikram Muthanna and former Editor M.R. Shivanna (late).

Regretting that out of the 50 journalists who received Media Academy awards, only three were women, Meera Appaiah said that this low number very much disappointed her. Maintaining that more women should enter the field of Jounalism, she stressed on the need for higher participation of women in media, just like in other sectors such as IT, BT etc.,

MDJA President C.K. Mahendra, Vice-president (City) M. Subramanya, Secretary B. Raghavendra, Secretary (Rural) Manju Kote, MDJA General Secretary K.J. Lokesh Babu and others were present.

Mysuru vying for World Craft City tag

Three-Member Jury on a three-day visit to city to see handicraft centres

DC Abhiram G. Sankar seen with the World Council Committee Jury Members Dr. Ghada Rida Hijjawi, Ahmed Saleh Yusuf and Usha Krishnan and others at the DC Office in city this morning.

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (NNN)- Mysuru which is known as the heart of handicraft land in the country is now in the reckoning for the World Craft City tag. In all, there are 37 cities in the world that have been declared as World Craft City and the only city in the country to join that list is Jaipur, said District Industries Centre (DIC) Joint Director D.K. Lingaraju.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* here this morning, he said that a Jury consisting of three members from the World Council Committee (WCC) that include Dr. Ghada Rida Hijjawi from Kuwait, Ahmed Saleh Yusuf from Muscat and Usha Krishnan from Chennai are on a three-day visit to the city visiting various handicraft factories and the Karakushala Kendra.

Mysuru has been trying for this honour from 2014 and this time when the proposal was sent to the State Government, the Jury from WCC is visiting the city, he said.

The Jury Members arrived yesterday in the city and they were taken around the Palace and other places and today they have already visited Arundathi Fine Arts, Geetha Fine Arts in Mandi Mohalla and the Dolls Exhibition of Ramsons. Earlier in the day, they had a meeting with Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar and other officials, said Lingaraju.

In the afternoon, the Jury Members will be visiting Cauvery Emporium on Sayyaji Rao Road. They will also be visiting the Visvesvaraya Trade Promotion Centre to learn about the export of handicrafts from Mysuru, he said.

Mysuru is known for sandalwood, silk, rosewood inlay works, wood carvings and Ganjifa Painting which also now is a craft apart from handicrafts from Mysuru and Tanjore paintings, he said.

The others who are accompanying the Jury Members include NGO Co-ordinator and former Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner K.S. Raikar, DIC Deputy Director Chowdaiah, VTPC Manager Vardaraj, Museums and Heritage Deputy Director Nirmala Matapathi.

Five-day workshop

on Kannada epics begins at CIIL

Mysuru, Mar.18(US&PM)- A five-day workshop on *Kannada Mahakavyagalu-Likhita Mattu Moukika Parampare Taulanika Adhyayana* (Kannada Epics-Comparative study of written and oral traditions) organised by Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada, Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) commenced at CIIL premises on Hunsur road here this morning.

About 50 Kannada Professors and Research Scholars are participating in the workshop featuring various sessions focusing on Kannada epics and related subjects.

Inaugurating the programme, former KSOU Vice-Chancellor Dr. B.A. Vivek Rai opined that oral tradition is very important before going to the written pattern in Kannada language. He felt that folklore should come under the ambit of Classicial Kannada for broader learning and discussion.

Referring to innumerable Ph.D holders coming out of Universities, Vivek Rai regretted that research was becoming rather repetitive in nature with no originality or innovation. He lauded the workshop which provides a platform for exchange of new ideas.

Presiding over the programme, CIIL Director Dr.D.G. Rao observed that the Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada was not being fully utilised by researchers. He asserted that the Centre was fully equipped to meet the requirements of classical language.

Former KSOU VC Dr.B.A. Vivek Rai watering a sapling to inaugurate the workshop at CIIL premises here this morning as CIIL Director Dr.D.G. Rao, Deputy Director Dr.P.R.D. Fernandes, Project Director Dr.K.R. Durgadas and workshop Convenor Dr.N.S. Annapurna look on.

LS poll notification tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar.18 (RK&SR)- The formal process of filing nominations for Lok Sabha (LS) elections for Mysuru-Kodagu seat will begin tomorrow with the District Administration issuing the notification. The polls will be held on Apr. 18.

This morning, a team of revenue and Police officials led by Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar who is also District Election Officer and Returning Officer, DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj and Traffic ACP G.N. Mohan conducted an inspection around DC Office.

Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, who is also the District Election Officer, DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj, Traffic ACP G.N. Mohan and other officers inspecting DC Office this morning.

DC Sankar told Star of Mysore that it will receive nominations from Mar.19 till Mar. 26 from 11 am to 3 pm at Court Hall at DC Office. The last date for filing of nominations is Mar. 26 by 3 pm. Scrutiny will be taken up on Mar. 27 and Mar. 28 and the last date for withdrawal of nominations is Mar. 29. The District Election Officer will issue prohibitory orders around 100 meters of DCs Office immediately after the notification is issued. Movement of people in groups is prevented during the filing of nomination papers. Only the candidate along with four persons can enter the Court Hall. They should bring only three vehicles and must park vehicles 100 meters away from the DC Office.

The DC said that instructions have already been given to representatives of political parties regarding the guidelines to be followed while filing nominations. There are 18,57,713 voters including 9,30,037 female voters and 9,27,676 male voters in Mysuru-Kodagu constituency.

According to ECI norms, candidates must file four sets of nomination papers. They must also submit an affidavit containing information of candidate's particulars relating to criminal antecedents, details of PAN and status of filing of Income Tax return of self, spouse and dependents, details of the assets, liabilities, spouse and all dependents to government and public financial institutions.

Details of profession or occupation of candidate and spouse, highest educational qualification, contact details, social media accounts, etc must also be submitted. Poll expenditure should not exceed Rs. 70 lakh.

User fee at K.R. Hospital to bring bad name to PM Modi, allege MLAs

Mysuru, Mar.18 (MTY&NNN)- User fees for all treatments imposed on patients at K.R. Hospital by the State Government is just to bring a bad name to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP Government at the Centre as it had implemented the 'Ayushman Bharat' for the welfare of the poor, said MLA S.A. Ramdas.

He was addressing a press conference at a private hotel here this morning and said under the 'Ayushman Bharat' scheme the poor were covered with an insurance amount of Rs.5 lakh where they could get treated first for up to Rs.1.5 lakh, Rs.2 lakh and even up to Rs. 5 lakh and the government would settle the bill.

However, under the 'Ayushman Bharat Ayushman Karnataka' implemented by the Karnataka Government, there are lot of loopholes and hence it is becoming very difficult for the poor to avail health benefits.

Instead of the insurance mode that this scheme is meant for, it has turned to an assurance mode, he ridiculed.

If a person has multiple health issues he cannot be going to different hospitals for treatment of different ailments.

But in the Ayushman Karnataka scheme just to get a NOC (No Objection Certificate) for the patient to go to any other hospital for treatment, he has to run from pillar to post as he is harassed by the hospital staff for bribe, charged Ramdas.

While throughout the country there is one-policy rule under Ayushman Bharat that all the States have adopted, it is only in Karnataka that there are problems. For instance the State Government had said that there were only 52 lakh BPL (Below Poverty Line) card holders whereas there are nearly 1.12 crore BPL card holders who are now deprived of the health benefits, he said.

He had written to Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and Health Minister Shivanand Patil in this regard. While the latter did not reply, the CM wrote to him that he also agreed that there were a few lapses which would be set right. But till now nothing had happened, said Ramdas.

He said that various schemes like 'Vajpayee Arogya Shree', 'Yashsasvini scheme', 'Rajiv Arogya Bhagya', 'Janani Suraksha Yojana', 'Jyothi Sanjivini Scheme' had all been merged under the Arogya Karnataka Scheme, which is also causing problems. If these problems are not resolved at the earliest, he would file a PIL, he said.

MLA L. Nagendra said that a busy hospital like K.R. Hospital teeming with patients required more than 50 ventilators but there were just 10 to 12 out of which three to four are not working. There is also huge shortage of staff. The Hospital required about 1200 staff but there were only 260 staff and even in that 60 were retired staff who had been redrafted to work.

He charged that the State Government was not implementing the 'Ayushman Bharat' scheme properly.

Strike at K.R. Hospital tomorrow

MLA S.A. Ramdas said that the BJP would launch an agitation tomorrow in front of the K.R. Hospital opposing the implementation of the user fee for poor patients.

The agitation will be intensified if the fee is not withdrawn, he warned and added that the Government cannot give an excuse of the Model Code of Conduct as this issue is related to the health of the people who will be deprived of health services as they are unable to pay for their treatment.

City business man ends life

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (RK&DM)- A city business man reportedly committed suicide by jumping into Varuna Lake on T. Narasipur Road yesterday.

Sandeep Jain

The deceased has been identified as Sandeep Jain (38), son of Bhagawathi Jain, who resided at a house near Padma Talkies in K.R. Mohalla.

Sandeep Jain who ran an electronics shop on K.T. Street in the city, was said to be depressed in life.

Sandeep's body was fished out of the lake yesterday evening.

The Mysuru South Police have registered a case in this regard.

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Boost up business

In Feng Shui, every physical object around us produces a corresponding effect, either good or bad. The smallest change in these objects' arrangements can spell the difference between success and failure, between a bustling business and a doomed enterprise, between a happy marriage and one riddled with irritants, between long life and bad health.

Aligning the interiors and the furnishing alone ensures excellent Feng Shui when tuned with the compass directions and one can achieve a lot through these methods and proper alignments.

When we adapt the oriental science for designing new homes or a office, the primary concern is to get the space to be in tune with the occupants.

In a office set up, it does get tricky as it has to keep in mind many different individuals to be working from there. The location of the office is not normally something over which we have control but its internal layout can make a great difference to the way people feel and behave.

Feng Shui operates by making a building work for the people who use it. Apart from enhancing the potential of the company, it also has its implications on the individual workers and their own aims and aspirations.

In most organisations, implementation of Feng Shui would depend on the co-operation and interest of the organisation, but even in cases where this is not forthcoming individual employees adapt it for their personal space to derive its benefits.

The first step toward prosperity is to get the stuck 'Chi' (energy) within us and around us flowing again. The main cause of being stuck is clutter. Clutter includes piles, disorganisation, things you no longer need, use, or love, anything in disrepair, unfinished projects; and dirty things.

To activate business prosperity is everyone's desire and getting it right through science of Feng Shui ensures that the prosperity is long lasting and fulfilling. Business prosperity also means having a smooth relationship with the outside world, good networking luck and support. Hence, the perception that prosperous business is making a lot of money is not the right interpretation.

To activate good business luck, apart from all the Feng Shui adjustments in terms of layout, decor and design one can use symbolism to further enhance the prospects.

• Place a pink lotus crystal on a rotating base to activate turn over and wealth.

• Display birds or picture of birds close to entrance which signifies arrival of positive vibes and pleasant news.

• Natural rocks of semi precious stones, quartz, amethyst or citrine will good bring relationship luck and support from staff aiding in better productivity.

• A very effective cure to enhance prosperity in Feng Shui is the use of moving water. Water and fish are linked to prosperity in Feng Shui. Hence, placing an aquarium in the prosperity corner would activate the good Feng Shui of your home.

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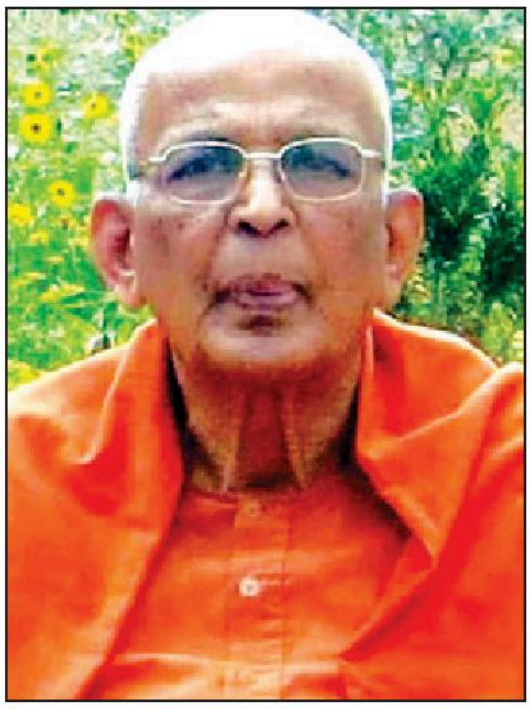
Swami Sureshanandaji

A modern combination of both Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam



Swami Sureshanandaji

It was January 1985. I was sitting with Swami Achalanandaji, a monk who was then living at the Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and Spiritual Education (RIMSE) in Mysuru and discussing the qualities of an ideal student and that of an ideal teacher (Guru). Swamiji was trying to explain to me Shankara's *Vivekachudamani*, wherein Shankara so wonderfully describes these qualities. I felt them to be so ideal that I was left wondering if such people really existed. Suddenly, Achalanandaji turned the conversation to another monk in the Ramakrishna Order, whom he said I had to meet, and who embodied this concept. He said his name was **Swami Sureshananda** (who was also fondly referred to by his pre-monastic name as Hari) and he was the Correspondent of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala at Mysuru. He told me that this was one person who lived by the Advaitic principles elucidated by Shankara and I would indeed learn a lot by just being with him.

A few days later, I went to meet Swami Sureshanandaji. I found him sitting in his office surrounded by a noisy bunch of students. He was so warm and loving that I could not relate him to the dry 'Advaita' that I had read about. It seemed so improbable that a man of such scholarly distinction could relate to these 15-year-olds as one of them. It also struck me that this was what living the 'Advaitic' principles could be about. It seemed to be akin to what Sri Ramakrishna told about being the lotus leaf in the water, living in the world but being unaffected by the happenings around you. I left after introducing myself and he urged me to visit another day.

I went again a few days later and he welcomed me as though he had known me for a long time. I was so taken aback by the love and kindness that he showed me, that I was getting a little embarrassed. He took me to the dining room and personally made me coffee exactly to my liking. He sat and heard me narrate the story of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement - SVYM (not much in those days) and told me that I was infinitely lucky to have found someone like Swami Achalanandaji to guide me in my life and endeavour. He asked me to keep him updated of our activities and assured me of any support that we may require.

From that day on, I was magnetically drawn to him and kept visiting him as often as I could and continued to receive his love, affection and guidance. Even though he was a monk, what impressed me was his extraordinary managerial abilities and his fund-raising prowess, which had made him a legend in the Ramakrishna Ashrama circles. His insights helped me resolve conflicting situations and he turned out to be one of the most valued advisers of SVYM. Amongst the few who helped build SVYM to what it is today, Swami Sureshananda stands out as the most practical; as one of the few who never let our values be compromised with, yet found out workable solutions for us.

Looking back now, I think I can figure out why Achalanandaji wanted me to seek out Swami Sureshananda. He was not just a monk but was several other things rolled into one. He was love personified; his heart overflowed with compassion to everyone around him; he was a humanist and an eternal optimist; an organisational behaviour expert in his own right; an intuitive manager and an inspirational leader. In simple words, he seemed to be a modern combination of both Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda.

The last few years saw his health deteriorate gradually. For many like me, watching his health and memory slip away was difficult to come to terms with. And every time I visited him, I noticed that he was struggling to recollect the several conversations that we had in the past. I took solace from the fact that he still remembered me, my name and what I did. But this too did not last long. The last few months were particularly difficult for him. Even during these times, what continued to stand out was his love, concern and sense of humour. He even managed to make his poor health into a joke. It was only once in all these years, he told me how painful his physical existence was and how saddened he was with the passing away of several of his contemporaries.

On March 8, which is celebrated as Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti, I went to meet him to seek his blessings and found him alone in his room. I felt privileged that he remembered me and called me out by my name very lovingly. I found it touching that he could suddenly recall my name and that he was concerned about how I was doing now after demitting all formal office in SVYM. After seeing him so cheerful and smiling, I felt happy that he would possibly live a little longer. But alas, that was not to be! He left his mortal state that very night around 10 pm. Even in his passing away, Swami Sureshanandaji was thoughtful and concerned about others. He passed away after all the day-long festivities were completed at Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama and the last guest was fed. And in his own way, he seemed to be letting all of us know that death is a merely an event, but life needs to go on forever.

People like Swami Sureshanandaji come along rarely. It is indeed a great fortune that many of us had the privilege of having come in contact with him. And it is because of his guidance and inspiration, that several of us, in his own words 'turned out all right.'

[Dr. R. Balasubramaniam is the founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, an organisation that was guided and shaped with the inspiration and advise received from Swami Sureshanandaji. He can be reached at: email@rbalu.com]

Three-week Sports Camp

at Ashwini's Sports Foundation in Kodagu from Apr.3

Gonikoppal, Mar.18- Ashwini's Sports Foundation (ASF) has announced its yearly summer programme to be held at the 27-acre ASF Arena in Gonikoppal, South Kodagu from April 3.

This three-week programme for athletics, shooting, hockey, swimming and football is open to boys and girls in the age group of 10-17 years.

ASF has partnered with Sports Authority of India (SAI) for their athletics programme and is a 'Khelo India Academy' for athletics, where identified top talent of India train.

ASF is also Kodagu's only institution that is affiliated Hockey India Academy. Training from SAI coaches for athletics, an ex-India coach for swimming, a hockey coach with 15 years of coaching experience, a licensed coach from Karnataka State Football Academy and a national-level player-cum-coach for shooting are the benefits that children will get from this programme.

This year ASF has opened the programme for outstation children who can stay on campus and participate in two different sports and the residential facility is limited to 75 children.

The ASF Arena has a 400m synthetic track, an indoor 8-lane 10m rifle shooting range, a 6-lane swimming pool, an international sized hockey ground, a turf football ground and a state-of-the-art gymnasium.

ASF was founded by Ashwini Nachappa, Olympian and Arjuna Awardee, to nurture world-class talent in athletics, hockey and shooting.

For details, contact Shwetha on Ph: 08274-279456/457/458 or write to kals.school@yahoo.in or visit *www.asfedge.org*

'Run for Jawans' Marathon held

Mysuru, Mar.18 (PM&DM)- Hundreds of people from all ages took part in 'Run for Jawans' marathon organised by NIE-IT in memory of martyred jawans, in city yesterday. The marathon was held as part of two-day IgNIEIT-2K19 Fest to take place on Mar.22 and 23.

Lt. Colonel (retd.) Srikar Prabhu flagged off the marathon in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate.

The marathon passed through Big Clock Tower, Gandhi Square, D. Deveraj Urs Road and other prominent roads, before returning to the starting point.

The College Principal Prof. N.V. Archana, IgNIEIT-2K19 Convenors Lokesh, Prasanna Kumar and others were present.

RESULTS

Men's Section (6 km): H.D. Lakshman - 1st prize; Bella Nayak - 2nd and H.D. Rama - 3rd.

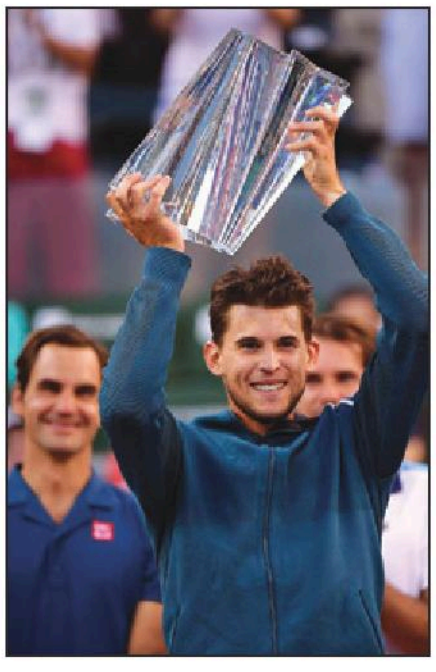
Women's Section (4 km): G. Disha - 1st, Poorvika - 2nd and Shravana of Srirangapatna - 3rd.

Elderly Men's Section (4 km): S.M. Harish - 1st, M. Yogendra - 2nd and Nagesh - 3rd.

In the Elderly Women's Section, B.K. Veena was the lone contestant and she was declared the winner.

The first prize carried a cash reward of Rs.2,000, 2nd prize Rs.1,500 and 3rd prize Rs.500.

Thiem rallies to deny Federer sixth ATP Indian Wells Masters title



Indian Wells, Mar.18- Dominic Thiem denied Roger Federer a record sixth Indian Wells title, beating the Swiss great 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 on Sunday to claim his first ATP Masters 1000 crown.

The 25-year-old Austrian, ranked eighth in the world, had fallen in two prior Masters finals, both in Madrid. But he rallied for a third career win over Federer in five meetings, his first over the Swiss on hard courts.

Thiem earned the crucial break in the 11th game of the final set, connecting on two sharply angled passing winners to give himself a break point which he converted with a stinging forehand winner. He sealed the match after two hours and two minutes when Federer's backhand found the net and will now return to a career-high ranking of fourth in the world.

It was the second year in a row that Federer was denied in the Indian Wells final. In 2018 he missed out on three championship points as he fell to Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro in the title match.

Federer, fresh off a remarkable 100th career title in Dubai, remains tied with Novak Djokovic for the most Indian Wells victories with five.

MDFA 'A' Division Football League

Hat-trick by Vishal Raj

Mysuru, Mar.18- A hat-trick by right-out Vishal Raj (14,59, 70) helped Gandhinagar FC to register a big 5-2 win over Kickers FC in the MDFA 'A' Division Football League 2018-19 for the Achutha Rao Memorial Trophy, played at the University Grounds here on Sunday.

RESULTS

Sunday's Match — Gandhinagar FC: 5 (Vishal Raj 14, 59, 70, Mangal Chand 27, Charles 68) bt **Kickers FC:** 2 (Francis 23, 51).

Saturday's Match — Ashoka FC: 4 (Tenzien 23, 54, Gokul 42, Moses 64) bt **South Western Railway (S) FC:** 0.

Friday's Match — Cosmos FC: 1 (Sufiyan 31) bt **Durgamba FC:** 0.

Vizzy Trophy Cricket Tourney

South Zone scores over West

Gwalior, Mar.18- South Zone with some inspiring performances by Abirath Reddy (85), Mysuru lads M. Venkatesh (44) and K. Shashank (four for 24), registered a facile 66-run win over West Zone in the one-day Vizzy Trophy tie played at the Scindia School Cricket Ground, Gwalior, yesterday.

SCORES — South Zone: 266 for 9 in 50 overs (Abhirath Reddy 85, M. Venkatesh 44, Pragnay Reddy 27, Uav Varma 29, Aditya Somanna 20, A.J. Tandel 4 for 49, Rushikesh Jadhav 2 for 62) bt **West Zone:** 200 in 43.4 overs (M.I. Sayyed 66, Rushikesh Jadhav 30, Ankit B. Patel 22, A.J. Tandel 21, K. Shashank 4 for 24, Uav Varma 3 for 4).

City golfers Yashas, Aalaap for Hero Honda Open Golf

M.S. Yashas Chandra

I.L. Aalaap

Mysuru, Mar.18- Mysuru lads and professional golfers M.S. Yashas Chandra and I.L. Aalaap will be taking part in the US $17,50,000 Hero Honda Open 2019 Golf Tournament (European & Asian Tour sanctioned) to be played at the DLF Golf Country Club, Haryana, from Mar.28 to 31.

Air Wing NCC Cadet feted

Saagarika Shyamnur, student of 6th semester EC of The National Institute of Engineering (NIE), an Air Wing NCC Cadet of 4 Kar Air Sqn NCC, participated in the Republic Day Camp 2018 held at New Delhi where she won All India second best cadet award. Based on this performance, she was selected to represent Indian NCC Contingent under Youth Exchange Program (YEP) as Youth Ambassador to Russian Defense Academy, Perm, from Aug.10 to 26, 2018. She led the Karnataka and Goa Contingent at All India Vayu Sainik Camp at Jodhpur, the top most camp of Air Wing NCC. She won the top most award for an NCC Cadet, The Director General Commendation Award at New Delhi for her achievements in NCC. She was felicitated by Dr. Narayan Murthy, Founder of Infosys at techNIEks, NIE for the above mentioned.

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Seminar on Dr.S.P. Yoganna's life and writings

Dignitaries releasing a booklet on Dr. S.P. Yoganna titled** Vaidyayogi **at a function organised at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall here yesterday.

Mysuru, Mar.18 (PM&DM) - "It is a matter of great concern that life style diseases are on the rise in the society," said Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Director, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Bengaluru.

He was speaking after inaugurating a seminar on *The life and writings of Dr.S.P. Yoganna* at Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall at Krishnamurthypuram here yesterday.

The seminar was jointly organised by the State Unit of Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, to honour Dr.S.P. Yoganna on his election as the Chairperson of Kannada Doctor Writers First State Level Conference to take place at Mangaluru in May this year.

Regretting that lifestyle disease have seen an abnormal rise over the years even as new innovation have come up in medical research, Dr. Manjunath blamed changing lifestyles for rising health disorders.

Pointing out that medical education is taught only in English, he said that this was the main reason on why medical professionals cannot concentrate on conversing in Kannada.

Noting that language was no barrier for expansion of knowledge, intelligence and technology, Dr. Manjunath observed that language is not a barrier for professional achievements.

Maintaining that medical professionals apart from using all their knowledge and skills in treating patients, should also display humanity, he underlined the need for educating the public on the physical and mental stress caused by excessive use of mobile phones, electronic gadget and other communication devices.

Lauding Dr. S.P. Yoganna for becoming the Chairperson of Kannada Doctor Writers meet, Dr. Manjunath called for publication of more medical articles in Kannada, so that even a laymen can easily understand what all was needed for maintaining good health.

Political power tackles social evils

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Yoganna opined that political power was needed to tackle social evils like casteism, religious fanaticism and corruption but contended that such power should be with good and able leaders with noteworthy credentials. He recalled his active participation in politics for about a decade before realising that medical profession was more noble and ideal for him.

Continuing, Dr. Yoganna said that along with the health of body, mind and society, spiritual health too needs recognition and importance. He contended that medical education should be imparted in Kannada once the Kannada Medical Encyclopaedia comes through and wished that engineering education too would follow suit. Dr. S. Chikkamoga of Bengaluru released a booklet on Dr.S.P. Yoganna titled *Vaidyayogi* on the occasion.

IMA State President Dr. Madhusudhan Karigannur, Senior Vice-President Dr. Suresh Rudrappa, Secretary Dr. Jayanth, IMA Mysuru President Dr. Prakash, Dr. Nagendra Prasad, Dr. V. Rajendra of Government Ayurveda College, Mysuru, Dr. Karaveeraprabhu Kyalakonda of Badami and others were present.

All consumer products to have labels on regional language soon: Dist. Judge

Mysuru, Mar.18 (RKB&SR)- Principal District and Sessions Court Judge Suresh K. Vontigodi said that all consumer goods and products sold in the country, irrespective of where they have been manufactured, will soon have labels and instructions in Hindi and another regional language.

He was speaking after inaugurating one- day legal awareness programme for law students organised jointly by District Legal Services Authority, District Bar Association and JSS Law College as part of World Consumers Day in city on Friday.

He said that India is a land of many languages and dialects and Hindi is the official language and a sizeable population speaks Hindi while the rest are comfortable in their regional language. Though English is spoken in the metros and is the recognised official language, a majority of the Indian population do not speak the language. Hence providing instructions in local languages on all consumer products helps to reach all people across the nation, he added.

The Judge remembered the contributions of United States of America's President John F. Kennedy who first initiated to sensitise people on consumer rights and heralded the celebrations of Consumers Day since Mar. 15, 1962.

District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) Member Secretary and Senior Civil Judge B.P. Devamane wanted all citizens to learn the preamble of the Constitution. Underprivileged community people, women and labourers can avail free legal service through DLSA, he said.

He also appreciated the role of social engineers in the reconstruction of the society besides finding remedies for various social evils, inequality, practise of discrimination and other defects in the country. Advocate B.S. Prashanth gave a special lecture on Consumer Rights. CEO of the College Prof. K.S. Suresh, Principal S. Nataraj, District Bar Association President S. Anandkumar and others were present.

'Environment-Friendly School' award presented

Mysuru, Mar 18 (US&MTY)- The District-level 'Environment-Friendly School' award instituted by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) and Janajagruthi Rural Development Institute (JRDI) has been bagged by Devagalli Government Higher Primary School in Hunsur taluk.

The award was presented at a function held at the Town Hall here on Saturday by DDPI Panduranga to the School Head Master R. Rajesh, Assistant Teacher Shashikala and the students.

The Green and Yellow School awards were also presented to 10 schools each. The Environment-Friendly School' award carried a cash prize of Rs. 30,000, a memento and a citation.

The Green School award carried a cash prize of Rs. 20,000 while the Yellow School award carried a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 with a memento and citation for both.

Speaking on the occasion KSPCB Senior Environmental Officer A. Udaya Kumar said that the awards were being presented to schools to create awareness among the students on environmental protection for the last eight years.

Environmental Officers B.M. Prakash, M.G. Yatheesh, JRDI Executive Director V.N. Murthy and others were present.

Siddharamaiah accuses BJP of politicising surgical strikes

Mysuru, Mar.18 (MTY&DM)- Accusing the BJP of using surgical and air strikes on Pakistan for political gains, CLP leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has said that the BJP was using the surgical strikes in poll campaigns as it has no other achievements to boast of.

Speaking to press persons at his Ramakrishnanagar residence here on Sunday, Siddharamaiah alleged that the NDA Government at the Centre had failed to deliver its promises.

Accusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi of doling out hollow promises, the former CM maintained that the people were disillusioned with the BJP Government at the Centre.

Claiming that 10-12 surgical strikes were carried out on Pakistan when the Congress Government was in power at the Centre, he taunted State BJP leaders saying they were seeking votes only in the name of PM Modi as they have no other issue to seek votes. Replying to a query on Minister S.R. Mahesh's comments, Siddharamaiah termed it as wrong on the part of Mahesh.

"When the JD(S)-Congress have entered into an alliance on the basis of mutual understanding, faith should prevail over everything. If such statements are issued, it may have negative implications," Siddharamaiah said and added that Mahesh's remarks were unwarranted at this juncture.

Ponting out that it was too early to comment on such issues when the coalition partners are yet to start campaigning for elections, Siddharamaiah said it sounds like knitting the cloth before the kid is born.

On the delay in announcing the list of candidates, the CLP leader said that the list may be announced after the Congress Central Committee meeting takes place in New Delhi either on March 22 or 23.

To a query on the much debated Tumakuru Lok Sabha seat which has been conceded to the JD(S), Siddharamaiah claimed that he too was in favour of retaining the seat for the party.

Meeting at Siddu's house

Earlier, Siddharamaiah held a meeting of Congress leaders at his residence to chalk out poll strategy for the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha seat which will be contested by the Congress.

The meeting was attended by Chamarajanagar MP R. Dhruvanarayan, former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and C.H. Vijayashankar, former MLAs M.K. Somashekar and Vasu and other leaders.

Later, former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa referring to Minister S.R. Mahesh's warning to the Congress, said that the Minister may have made the remark only to remind the two parties that they were contesting the Lok Sabha polls together.

Stressing on the need for the coalition partners to work unitedly for defeating the BJP, he said that the meeting discussed in detail the strategies to be adopted to win the Mysuru-Kodagu seat, currently held by the BJP.

Former Minister C.H. Vijayshankar, who is tipped to be the Congress candidate, downplayed Minister S.R. Mahesh's warning to the Congress that its chances in Mysuru will be spoiled if the grand old party did not work in favour of Nikhil Kumaraswamy, the JD(S) candidate in Mandya.

Maintaining that there will be no problem between the coalition partners with regard to poll campaign, Vijayshankar said that the high command and the JD(S) top brass will end any confusions shortly. Former MLA Vasu, who is also seeking the party ticket, said that he will wait till the last minute. Maintaining that he was still very much in the race for the Congress ticket, he said that he was very much hopeful of the Congress winning the LS polls.

Mysore Medical College Public Information officer summoned

Officer to appear for hearing on Apr. 5

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (KS) - Taking serious note against Mysore Medical College & Research Institute (MMC&RI) for not furnishing information under Right to Information (RTI) Act, sought by an applicant, RTI Commissioner N.P. Ramesh has asked MMC&RI's Public Information Officer Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, who is also the Dean and Director of MMC&RI to appear for a hearing on Apr. 5 and also to submit CCTV footages of past six months.

Applicant Komala Devi, a resident of Agrahara, had sought CCTV footages of cameras installed in the Dean's chamber and corridor of Feb. 23, 2018 and June 4, 2018 from MMC&RI under RTI Act. As MMC&RI failed to furnish the required footage within the stipulated period of time, Komala Devi had approached the Karnataka Information Commission (KIC).

The KIC then issued a notice to MMCRI demanding an explanation for the delay. In its reply, MMC&RI stated that footage for the two days was not available, besides adding that CCTV cameras were not installed in the Director' chamber. Not happy with MMC&RI's response, Ramesh asked the MMC&RI authorities to get the dysfunctional cameras fixed.

RTI Commissioner Ramesh has stated that the purpose of installing CCTV cameras was to bring in transparency in administration, and added that the apathetic attitude of the MMC&RI officials to repair defunct CCTV cameras defeated the purpose of the RTI ACT. The KIC has ordered Dr. Nanjaraj to store CCTV footages for a minimum of one year.

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IGP asks Policemen to take strict measures for ensuring peaceful polls

Hunsur, Mar.18(Raghu&DM)- Asking Police personnel to keep a close tab on the activities of rowdy sheeters and anti-social elements, IGP (Southern Range) Umesh Kumar has directed the Police to extern all anti-social elements who are facing many cases.

He was addressing Police personnel of Hunsur sub-division, after visiting hyper-sensitive booths in Hunsur taluk, at the Hunsur DySP office here on Saturday.

Pointing out that many polling booths in Hunsur, H.D. Kote and Periyapatna taluks coming under Hunsur Sub-Division were considered as sensitive, the IGP said that Police personnel should keep a close vigil on the movement of naxalites along the Kerala border and Nagarahole forest range.

Directing the Policemen to get inputs on the law and order in every village in the run up to the Lok Sabha polls, Umesh Kumar said that special steps must be taken for tracing the accused who have been issued non-bailable warrants. SP Amit Singh said that the Police should get inputs on the political situation in every village on a regular basis. Pointing out that local Police should make a list of political leaders in every village coming under their jurisdiction, he emphasized the role of Police in ensuring a free and fair polls.

Replying to a question on charges that the Police have unnecessarily opened rowdy-sheets against innocent youth, Amit Singh said that the Police will open rowdy sheets only on records and those who feel they have been targeted can move the Courts. Referring to the demand for a Traffic Police Station at Hunsur, IGP Umesh Kumar said that a proposal has been sent and the issue will be discussed with higher authorities.

Hunsur DySP Bhaskar Rai, Inspectors Shivakumar, Pradeep and others were present.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Cap-a-pie

Pronunciation: kap-uh-PEE

Meaning: Dressed or armed from head to foot.

Origin: Think of a medieval knight riding off to battle completely encased (from head to foot, as it were) in armour. Knights thus outfitted were said to be "armed cap-a-pie." The term cap-a-pie (or cap-à-pie), which has been used in English since at least the 16th century, descends from the Middle French phrase de cap a pé, meaning "from head to foot." Nowadays, it is generally extended to more figurative armour, as in "armed cap-a-pie against criticism." Cap-a-pie has also been credited with parenting another English phrase. Some people think the expression "apple-pie order," meaning "perfect order," may have originated as a corruption of "cap-a-pie order." The evidence for that theory is far from orderly, however, and it must be regarded as speculative.

Examples: The birthday girl — dressed cap-a-pie as a princess, from tiara to sequined slippers — waited excitedly for her guests to arrive.

"When they all appear at the elegant ball for the Prince of Wales, the men's outfits outshine the women's and the villain of the story, the French fanatic Chauvelin, cap-a-pie in ominous black, makes a striking contrast." —Marie D. Galyean, The Boise (Idaho) Weekly, 9 Aug. 2006.

THE ODD WORD

Murky

Dark and gloomy

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Paddle your own canoe

Meaning: Act independently and decide your own fate or self-sufficient.

Origin: The figurative meaning of 'padding one's own canoe' began to be used in the early 19th century. This was what was in mind of the author of The Selangor Journal: Jottings Past and Present, 1807, when reporting the lack of community spirit amongst the coffee planters in Malaysia. The imagery of self-reliance that the phrase conjures up was employed by the founder of the Scouts Movement, Lord Baden-Powell, when he used it as the title of a book in 1939. The independence of mind implicit in the advice the phrase conveys is plain to see in two gung-ho poems written on the subject in the USA in the 1850s.

QUOTE BOX

Winners never quit and quitters never win. **—Vince Lombardi**

RIDDLE THIS

What has a head and a tail, but no body?

Answer: A coin.

SUDOKU

					7	2	6	5
	4		6					
					8			3
				6		8		
	9		3		1		4	
		6		5				
1			8					
					6		1	
8	3	4	9					

Answer to previous puzzle

9	6	3	7	5	8	4	1	2
2	8	1	9	3	4	6	5	7
4	7	5	1	6	2	9	3	8
3	5	6	2	9	7	8	4	1
1	2	8	3	4	6	7	9	5
7	9	4	8	1	5	3	2	6
8	4	2	5	7	9	1	6	3
6	3	7	4	2	1	5	8	9
5	1	9	6	8	3	2	7	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

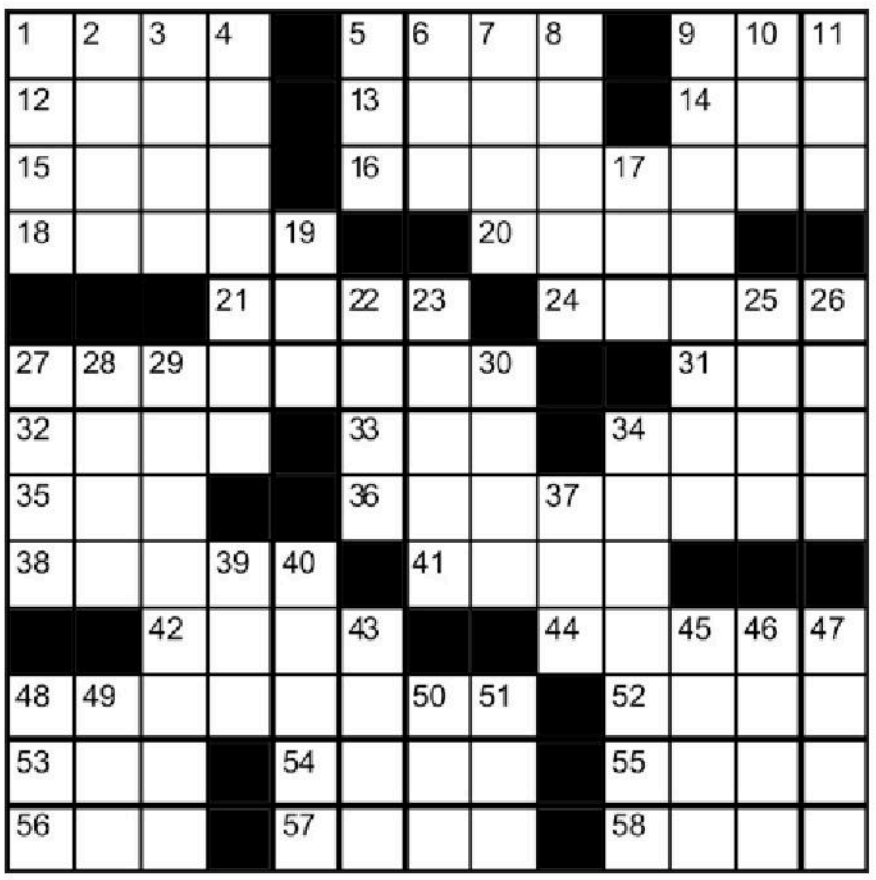
1 Antilles island
5 Dregs?
9 Hardly any
12 The nether world?
13 Boss of a shield
14 Air Transp. Radio
15 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba? (3,1)
16 Resonance
18 Distrust, fear or suspect?
20 Clan, especially in Ireland
21 Jason's ship
24 Kingdom
27 Spouses
31 Perceive with the eyes
32 Bollywood's old time comedian
33 Old time movie Anokhi ___
34 French river
35 Petname for Florence
36 Broadcast on TV
38 Wearied
41 Hire payment
42 Helen's place
44 Used forks to adjust the piano
48 Boastful person
52 'Father' in French
53 A young swine
54 Mastery, superiority - "Gere" anagram?
55 Was in or assumed a sleeping posture?
56 Self addressed envelope, in short
57 Cry out loudly
58 Volcano in Sicily

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

Y	E	N	■	G	A	R	B	■	E	A	R	P
E	L	I	■	A	P	A	E	■	V	A	Y	U
T	A	P	E	R	O	F	F	■	A	S	A	P
I	M	A	R	I	■	T	O	A	D	■	■	■
■	■	■	E	S	T	■	G	U	I	N	E	A
A	T	C	■	H	U	N	■	K	N	E	L	T
P	E	L	F	■	G	I	R	■	G	I	L	T
S	M	I	L	E	■	P	U	T	■	L	E	A
O	P	P	O	S	E	■	T	A	N	■	■	■
■	■	■	W	A	N	D	■	L	U	T	E	S
A	B	B	E	■	V	A	U	L	T	I	N	G
B	O	E	R	■	O	I	S	E	■	D	D	T
S	O	N	S	■	Y	S	E	R	■	E	S	S

DOWN

1 Small building often used as a workshop
2 Of planes - as a prefix
3 The French for 'blue'
4 Arabian Nights hero (3,4)
5 Twin brother of Kush
6 Record maker: abbr.
7 Goes back like the tide
8 More sensitive
9 Free musical composition
10 And so on abbr.
11 Twisted or distorted
17 Type of monkey
19 ___ la la... : song humming?
22 Small insect
23 More peculiar
25 More or __ the same : about the same?
26 Suitable, proper or fitting?
27 Knife handle
28 A crossbred citrus fruit
29 Lack
30 An auction, perhaps
34 Eightfold
37 Tolkien's tree like creature
39 Unit of energy
40 Canine
43 Lively
45 Not untidy
46 The poetical name for 'Ireland'
47 Financial inst. __ Bank
48 Bits Per Second, abbr.
49 Narrow inlet, creek
50 Unit of reluctance in electricity
51 Israel's __ Aviv



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

OF FOU YURVVB VKQWUOQ WF ROBFOU UVQU, ROJ

KL BFZ WYB KW LFY R ETKVU BFZ'VV QUU ETB

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS O

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Journalism largely consists of saying 'Lord Jones is Dead' to people who never knew that Lord Jones was alive

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Girgitle	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Yajamana	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Bell Bottom	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Natasaarvabhowma	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Face 2 Face	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Arabbi Kadala Theeradalli	Skyline	2481170	2 Shows
Rajannana Maga	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
HINDI			
Mere Pyare Prime Minister	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Rix Naam	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Total Dhamaal	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
TAMIL			
July Kaatril	Skyline	2481170	2 Shows
Ispade Rajavum Idhaya Raniyum	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Where is The Venkatalakshmi	Padma	2521923	4 Shows

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Captain Marvel (E-3D)	(S-1	10.45 am, 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
July Kaatril (Ta)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
URI-The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
Wonder Park (E)	(S-2)	11 am, 4 pm, 5.50 pm
Ispade Rajavum Idhaya Raniyum (Ta)	(S-2)	1.00 pm
Mere Pyare Prime Minister (H)	(S-2)	7.40 pm, 9.55 pm
Rajannana Maga (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Girgitle (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Photograph (H)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Where is The Venkatalakshmi (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Face 2 Face (K)	(S-4)	10.50 am
Yajamana (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Badla (H)	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.50 pm

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Captain Marvel (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 12.50 pm 6.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Photograph (H)	(S-4)	9.50 am, 9.40 pm
Badla (H)	(S-2)	4.05 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-3)	10.25 am
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Girgitle (K)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Luka Chuppi (H)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
	(S-4)	2.25 pm
Arabbi Kadala Theeradalli (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Yajamana (K)	(S-1)	3.30 pm; (S-2) 10 am
Ispade Rajavum Idhaya Raniyum (Ta)	(S-2)	6.40 pm
Rajannana Maga (K)	(S-3)	6.55 pm
Mere Pyare Prime Minister (H)	(S-4)	12.10 pm
Face 2 Face (K)	(S-4)	5.00 pm
Naanu Nammudgi Kharchgondh Mafia (K)	(S-4)	9.40 pm

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Mere Pyare Prime Minister (H)	9 am, 2.05 pm
Arabbi Kadala Theeradalli (K)	9.30 am
Naanu Nammudgi Kharchgond Mafia (K)	10.10 am
Captain Marvel (E-3D)	10.30 am, 4.05 pm 6.50 pm, 9.35 pm
Badla (H)	11.25 am, 4.30 pm, 10 pm
Girgitle (K)	12.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	1.15 pm
Photograph (H)	1.15 pm, 7.15 pm
Rajannana Maga (K)	3.35 pm
Yajamana (K)	3.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Ispade Rajavum Idhaya Raniyum (Ta)	6.40 pm
Luka Chuppi (H)	7.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

'Spectra' Students of the Year

Students of Sapient College, who emerged 'Overall Champions' at 'Spectra Student of The Year 2019' Cultural and Management Fest, are seen with** (from left - standing) **Abel Mathew Prasad, Special Officer, Dr. Sujatha Krishnamurthy, Principal, Issac Samala Gerard, Chief HR Officer, Hindustan Group of Institutions, Chennai, Dr. Mahadevan, Registrar, University of Mysore and H. Chethan, Vice-Principal.

Mysuru, Mar.18- Spectra Student of the Year 2019, a Cultural and Management Fest was organised by Hindustan First Grade College (HFGC) at the College campus in J.P. Nagar recently.

The students from various Colleges from Bengaluru and Mysuru participated in the Fest and actively participated in various competitions which was part of the event. The students had to compete in four different rounds which comprised of Strategy, Business, Cultural (Dance, Street Play) and Physical (Swimming, Cycling and Sprints).

Dr. Mahadevan, Registrar, University of Mysore (UoM), was the chief guest for the valedictory session. Issac Samala Gerard, Chief HR Officer, Hindustan Group of Institutions, Chennai, was the guest of honour. The two new special programmes to be offered by Hindustan College from the Year 2019 — B.Sc (Fashion Designing) and BBA (Aviation Management) — were launched during the valedictory.

Mohith, a student from Sapient College won the title of 'Spectra Student of The Year 2019.' He was awarded with iPad.

The students of Sapient College were adjudged 'Overall Champions' and the team of Amrita College were the runner-up of the event. The winners and runners of the event were awarded with cash prize, mementos and trophy.

Mohammed Shakeel and Namratha of II B.Com hosted the valedictory. R. Ramya, Assistant Professor of Management, welcomed the gathering.

Mohith, a student from Sapient College won the title of 'Spectra Student of The Year 2019,' is seen receiving the prize from Issac Samala Gerard and Dr. Mahadevan.

H. Chethan, Vice-Principal, HFGC, proposed a vote of thanks.

Earlier, UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar inaugurated the 'Spectra Student of the Year 2019.' Dr. V.J. Philip, Deputy Director, Hindustan College of Arts and Science, Chennai, was the guest of honour during the inaugural.

Eshwar, Assistant Professor of Commerce, welcomed the gathering. Ramya and Nayan Hashmi, Assistant Professor of Commerce and Management, introduced the guests. Savitha, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, proposed a vote of thanks. Sowmyashree and Rini of III B.Com rendered prayer song. Sneha and Tejus were the Masters of the Ceremony.

EVENTS TODAY (MAR.18)

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Mahabharatada Vanaparva' by Pt. Sri Be. Na. Vijayendrachar, Samiti premises, **up to 6.30 pm.**

Avadhoota Datta Peetham: Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavatha Dashama Skanda' by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, Ganapathy Ashrama premises, Mysuru-Ooty Road, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

Nadaranga: Ranga Sambhrama-2019, Theatre Fest, Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Channappa inaugurates, senior Theatre Director Prof. H.S. Umesh presides, Kadamba Ranga Vedike President Rajashekar chief guest; Rangaratnakara-Bengaluru's H.S. Govindegowda and troupe will present scenes from mythological plays, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

Sri Digambara Jain Samaja and Padmasri Jain Mahila Samaja: Palgunamasa Nandishwara Ashtahnika Parva of Sri Vilamba Nama Samvatsara, discourse on 'Acharya Samantabhadrara Stuti Vidya' by Dr. Shashirekha, Sri Shantishwara Swamy Basadi (Kote Basadi), **7.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR.19)

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Mahabharatada Vanaparva' by Pt. Sri Be. Na. Vijayendrachar, Samiti premises, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Avadhoota Datta Peetham: Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavatha Dashama Skanda' by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, Ganapathy Ashrama premises, Mysuru-Ooty Road, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

Nadaranga: Ranga Sambhrama-2019, staging of Kakolu Saroja Rao's historical play 'Mahamantri Thimmarasu' by Rangaanaanda Kala Tanda, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

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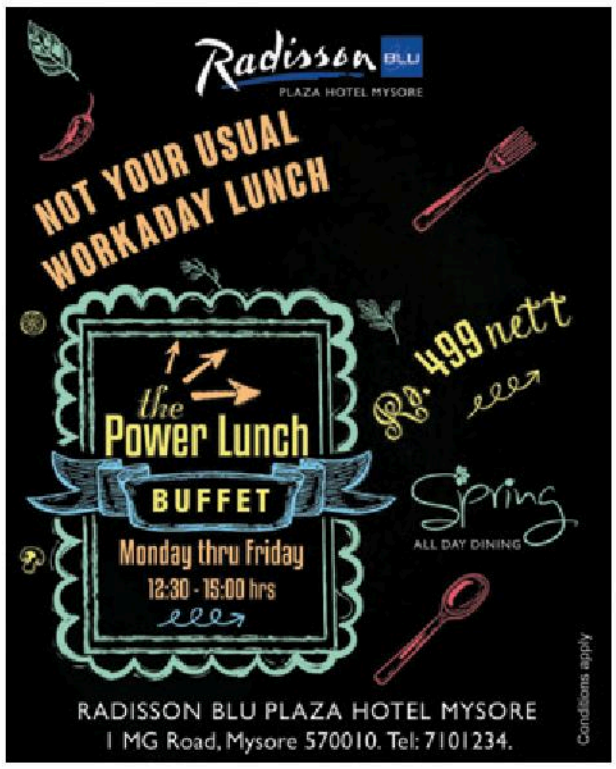

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